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SUBJ: OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL  
CENTER

1. WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, WILL MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING  
OF THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER (CENTRUM ASTRONO-  
MICZNE IM. M. KOPERNIKA), A MAJOR NEW SCIENTIFIC INSTITU-  
TION CREATED IN WARSAW THROUGH POLISH-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC  
COOPERATION. A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF SCIENTISTS AND OF-  
FICIALS WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONIES: DR. WITOLD NOWACKI,  
PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND PROF.

JAN KACZMAREK, SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY OF THE ACADEMY, WILL  
BE HOSTS AT THE OPENING FOR WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLELE, US  
AMBASSADOR TO POLAND, DR. RICHARD C.  
ATKINSON, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, AND  
DR. PHILIP HANDLER, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF  
SCIENCES.

2. CONSTRUCTION OF THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER WAS  
FINANCED THROUGH A GRANT FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF \$1.4 MIL-  
LION FROM THE U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THROUGH  
FUNDS FROM THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. WITH ADVICE  
AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE NATINAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,  
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CETNER WAS CONSTRUCTED BY POLISH ASTRONOMERS, ENGINEERS,  
AND ARCHITECTS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER IS SL. AKZ  
OF  
SMAK.#

3. THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER SERVES A THREE-

FOLD PURPOSE: FIRST, TO PROVIDE POLISH ASTRONOMERS WITH A MODERN FACILITY FOR THEORETICAL STUDIES, PRIMARILY IN THE FIELD OF ASTROPHYSICS AND RELATED BRANCHES OF PHYSICS; SECOND, TO ENCOURAGE CLOSER COLLABORATION AMONG ASTRONOMERS THROUGHOUT POLAND; AND FINALLY, TO CREATE A BASIS FOR COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN ASTRONOMERS BY OFFERING THEM AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO STUDY AND WORK AS VISITING SCIENTISTS.

4. AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONIES, THE AMERICAN VISITORS WILL LAY A WREATH AT THE COPERNICUS MONUMENT IN WARSAW. DR. ATKINSON IS IN POLAND AT THE INVITATION OF DR. SYLWESTER KALISKI, THE MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IN ADDITION TO CEREMONIES AT THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER DR. ATKINSON AND HIS COLLEAGUES WILL PAY OTHER PROFESSIONAL CALLS.

5. WE WILL SEND TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR LATER BROADCAST.

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